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## **SENATE CONCURRENT MEMORIAL 1003**

A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO RESTRUCTURE THE FEDERAL FUEL TAX SYSTEM  
SO THAT ARIZONA RECEIVES AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO WHAT IT PAYS IN FUEL TAXES.

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1 To the Congress of the United States of America:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, under the antiquated federal fuel tax system, Congress divides  
4 the revenues from the tax and redistributes the monies to the various states,  
5 with some states receiving more than they pay in fuel taxes and some,  
6 including Arizona, receiving much less; and

7 Whereas, the current program pits "donee" states against "donor"  
8 states, whereby the donor states, such as Arizona, essentially subsidize the  
9 road needs of the more affluent states; and

10 Whereas, adding insult to injury is the fact that less than two-thirds  
11 of the monies collected goes to transportation-related projects but are  
12 instead earmarked by Congress for projects that benefit only local  
13 constituencies; and

14 Whereas, under the current system, the federal government is able to  
15 force unwanted regulations and mandates on states by threatening to withhold  
16 transportation monies unless states comply; and

17 Whereas, Congress has an opportunity to restructure the current failed  
18 system to allow equitable distribution so that states such as Arizona receive  
19 from the fuel tax system an amount equal to what they put in.

20 Wherefore your memorialist, the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
21 Representatives concurring, prays:

22 1. That the United States Congress enact legislation to modify or  
23 restructure the current failed federal fuel tax system to ensure that donor  
24 states such as Arizona receive an amount of federal monies that is equal to  
25 what they pay in fuel taxes.

26 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies  
27 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of  
28 the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress from  
29 the State of Arizona.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE APRIL 28, 2010.

PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 1, 2010.

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